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Identical letters dated 9 December 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing with regard to yet another outrageous statement by the President of Iran, in which he cast doubt on the truth of the Holocaust and suggested that "the Zionists" be relocated to Europe.

On 1 November 2005, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on Holocaust remembrance (resolution 60/7), in which, among other items, it rejects "any denial of the Holocaust as an historical event, either in full or in part". Iran was included in the adoption by consensus of that resolution.

I would like to recall Iran's statement of 26 October 2005, in which it called for the eradication of Israel, another Member State. One would have thought this rhetoric belonged to a different era, yet I fear it represents something graver than simply rhetoric — it sheds light on the Government of Iran's policies and intentions vis-à-vis the State of Israel.

The statement this week further discloses the dangerous stance of this United Nations Member State against another United Nations Member State. I acknowledge with appreciation your prompt denunciation of this statement. I also recall condemnation by you, the Security Council and countless members of the international community of the President of the Iran's statement in October.

Iran's dangerous mix of Holocaust denial, direct and continuous support for terrorism, nuclear programme and ambitions, as well as its blunt incitement and confrontation against another United Nations Member State, are contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and ideals of this institution. Israel therefore urges the international community to take swift and strong action against Iran.

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I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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